What is the purpose of the Poindexter Village—Windows of Stories Youth Art Challenge?

The purpose of Poindexter Village—Windows of Stories Youth Art Challenge is to encourage students to get actively involved in their history and use their creative voices to make a difference in the world. In an effort to have the greatest positive impact, one of the main goals of the challenge is to provide an opportunity for students to have their work seen by a large number of people.

Is there a cost to enter the challenge?

Poindexter Village—Windows of Stories is free to enter.

What ages are eligible to enter the contest?

It is open to K-12 students who go to Columbus City Schools. Judging will be by age/grade categories: Elementary/Middle School (K-8th); and High School (9th-12th).

Do I need to be from a Near Eastside School to enter?

No, you do not need to be a member of a Near Eastside School to enter. However, you must attend a Columbus City School. Contact your student’s art teacher to find out if your school will enter. Poindexter Village—Windows of Stories is open to all students, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual preference or affiliation. Being a member of a Near Eastside School does not increase or decrease your eligibility or chances of winning.

What is the theme of the contest?

All entries must focus on the theme of the Near Eastside and Poindexter Village. You must choose a theme when entering your artwork. There will be a honorable mention selection in each category. Honorable Mention selections will also be featured in the windows.

What types of art will be accepted?

Art that will be accepted should be no larger than 10”h x 14”w, 2D or 3D artwork; drawings, paintings, collages and mixed media art welcomed. No digital art. Groups of two or more students encouraged (can include a collaboration with an entire class). Need original artwork with a brief artist statement about the theme. All entries must be submitted through their school teacher or parent/guardian with a completed entry form. No mailed entries will be accepted.

Who can I contact to answer my additional questions?

We encourage students refer to book references provided in addition to any archived history available about Poindexter Village. There is a JPPF Speakers Bureau that has been formed to support the teachers and classrooms who wish to seek more knowledge about the legendary Poindexter Village. Call or email Bettye Stull, Chair of the Poindexter Village—Windows of Stories Youth Art Challenge Committee at stullbettye@gmail.com to schedule a speaker.

NOTE: Winning original artwork will become the property of Poindexter Village Museum and will be featured in the Windows of Stories Silent Auction. Each student acknowledges that the Poindexter Village—Windows of Stories maintains the rights to photograph and display the artwork created for this project.